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SUBJ: CEAUSESCU AFRICAN TRIP

1. VARIOUS ROMANIAN AND DIPLOMATIC SOURCES HERE CONFIRM
THAT ROMANIAN PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU WILL MAKE TWO WEEK
MID-FEBRUARY VISIT TO AFRICA. PREPARATIONS ARE STILL
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UNDERWAY AND FINAL ITINERARY NOT YET SETTLED. HOWEVER,
COUNTRIES MOST OFTEN MENTIONED AS LIKELY TO
BE VISITED ARE GABON, NIGERIA, SENEGAL, CENTRAL
AFRICAN REPUBLIC (EMPIRE), TANZANIA AND ANGOLA.
ALGERIA, GUINEA AND LIBERIA ARE ALSO
POSSIBILITIES.

2. PAST VISITS TO ROMANIA BY LEADERS OF GABON (JUNE 1975), TANZANIA (APRIL 1975), SENEGAL (APRIL 1976), LIBERIA (OCTOBER 1974) AND CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (JULY 1973) HAVE RESULTED IN OUTSTANDING INVITATIONS FOR CEAUSESCU RETURN VISIT TO THOSE CAPITALS. NO CHIEF OF STATE VISITS HAVE TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN ROMANIA AND NIGERIA OR ANGOLA, ALTHOUGH NOVEMBER 1976 VISIT OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER IONITA TO LUANDA MAY HAVE ELICITED INVITATION FROM GOA. CEAUSESCU VISITED GUINEA IN MARCH 1974 AND ALGERIA IN DECEMBER 1973 BUT NEITHER SEKOU TOURE NOR BOUMEDIENE HAVE BEEN TO ROMANIA.

3. COMMENT: THIS WILL BE CEAUSESCU'S MOST LENGTHY AFRICAN TOUR SINCE HIS MARCH-APRIL 1972 TRIP WHEN HE STOPPED IN ALGERIA, CAR, CONGO (B), ZAIRE, ZAMBIA, TANZANIA, SUDAN AND EGYPT. ONE OF HIS MAJOR OBJECTIVES WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE TO SHORE UP AFRICAN SUPPORT FOR ROMANIA'S NON-ALIGNED CREDENTIALS. SOME AFRICAN STATES REPORTEDLY WERE LESS THAN ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORTERS OF THE GOR'S FAILED BID FOR OBSERVER STATUS AT LAST NAM COLOMBO SUMMIT, QUESTIONING IN PARTICULAR ROMANIA'S CLAIM TO DEVELOPING COUNTRY STATUS. CEAUSESCU WILL ATTEMPT TO CONVINCE THEM OTHERWISE AS WELL AS TO ALLEVIATE ANY FURTHER SKEPTICISM CONCERNING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ROMANIA NON-ALIGNMENT WHICH MIGHT HAVE ARISEN DUE TO GOR'S HOSTING OF NOVEMBER WARSAW PACT MEETING. ROMANIA'S SEARCH FOR THIRD WORLD MARKETS AND RAW MATERIALS WILL ALSO UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE A HIGH PRIORITY.
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